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MEMORANDUM BR07-09

TO: Commission Members

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SUBJECT: 2007 WATER SUPPLY

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While the news is good with respect to Bear Lake filling, the news is not good with respect to streamflow forecasts for the Bear River. The March 1st forecasts are all but final. March 1st is deep enough into our snow season that we need to pay a lot of attention to the numbers, even those that still have hope can point to a single spring month in past years that has turned the forecast around. Randy Julander was quoted the other day, when looking at a larger than Bear River geography, that there was only a 3% chance the streamflows would be up to normal as a result of future storms.

Here are some Bear River numbers from the NRCS March 1st forecast for April to July flows: at the Utah-Wyoming state line 88%; on Big Creek near Randolph 45%; from the Smith's Fork near Border 68%; on the river at Stewart Dam 66%; for Little Bear 48%; the Logan River is at 58% and the Blacksmith Fork is at 60%. These numbers are significantly off the "normal." The one bit of good news is that Bear Lake should reach the 5911 elevation within two weeks.

cc: TAC members
All Interested Parties